

CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: F1

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HEARING TYPE:  
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:  
Resolution

MEETING DATE: February 2, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Approve Amendment #1 to the Loan Agreement for the City Streetscape and Pedestrian Enhancements between the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank, by and through the State Road and Tollway Authority (“SRTA”) and the City of Clarkston

DEPARTMENT: City Administration

PUBLIC HEARING:  YES  NO

ATTACHMENT:  YES  NO  
Pages: 2

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**PURPOSE:**

To Approve Amendment #1 to the Loan Agreement for the City Streetscape and Pedestrian Enhancements between the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank, by and through the State Road and Tollway Authority (“SRTA”) and the City of Clarkston.

**NEED/ IMPACT:**

The project estimates for the engineering, right-of-way, utility relocation and construction phases developed for the GTIB loan application in 2013 were prepared without the benefit of design plans. The loan was approved in May 2013. Negotiations with the engineering design firm regarding scope and fee occurred and a contract was approved by city council in early 2014. Additionally, other professional fees; i.e. CSX permitting/review, community outreach and owners representative project engineering fees, were not accounted for when the loan request occurred in 2013. Consequently, the fees for engineering and planning services exceeded the estimate prepared for the loan application.

The City of Clarkston requested and received approval from “SRTA” to shift the loan funds from the right-of-way and construction phases to the design phase as follows:

PHASE	EXISTING GTIB AGREEMENT	PROPOSED CHANGE
ENGINEERING	\$360,549	\$900,000
RIGHT-OF-WAY	\$231,000	\$99,500
UTILITY/CONSTRUCTION	\$1,407,951	\$1,000,000
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>

The re-allocation of right-of-way loan funding (\$131,500) to the design phase can occur with the preliminary design and right-of-way plans now complete. The project impacts and ultimately the extent of right-of-way acquisition is less than anticipated when the loan was requested.

The re-allocation of construction loan funding (\$407,951) to the design phase is necessary to ensure sufficient funds exist for drawdown purposes as the engineering work continues over the duration of this project phase. The reallocation of funds will not impact the FY' 2016 budget appropriations.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached Amendment #1 to the Loan Agreement for the City Streetscape and Pedestrian Enhancements between the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank, by and through the State Road and Tollway Authority ("SRTA") and the City of Clarkston.